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PROCUREMENT OF STATIONERY ITEMS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Immunology (IIM), New Delhi, invited a tender last year for the procurement of stationery items;

(b) if so, whether the IIM collected lakhs of rupees as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) but the institute has not yet returned the EMD despite having inviting a fresh tender recently;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the time by which the EMD is likely to be returned and the action to be taken against the concerned officials; and

(e) the reasons for not making purchases of stationery items from either the NCCFI or the Kendriya Bhandar on competitive prices and quality?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The National Institute of Immunology (NII), New Delhi, an autonomous institution under the Department of Biotechnology, invited tenders by release of tender notice in the leading national dailies, namely, the Times of India and The Hindustan Times on 2nd June 2002.

(b), (c) & (d) : The total Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) collected from the bidders who responded to the tender invitation was Rs.75,000/-. Out of this, the Institute has already refunded EMD amounting to Rs. 30,000/- to unsuccessful bidders in the month of September 2002. No amount is due to the unsuccessful bidders. At the same time, EMD of successful bidders (Rs. 45,000/-) was converted into security deposit.

(e) : The Kendriya Bhandar participated in the tenders for the stationery items and was successful in getting contract for one year ending 31st August, 2003 alongwith eight other firms.